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February 7, 1923. Interviewed Mr. & Mrs. Barnhardt in their home
in Paterson, N.J.

Mrs. Barnhardt showed me a letter which Eleanor Mills wrote to Charlotte while Charlotte was at Asbury Park - No date appeared on the letter. The contents of the letter said that Hall took her (Eleanor) to a dentist name Hasbrouck in New York City; that she had two teeth extracted and the work cost \$20.00, and how wonderful Hasbrouck was. Also that if Charlotte had any doubt, she could secure information from anybody as to what sort of a place Hasbrouck has. She said she was going to make good for the money Mr. Hall spent for the dentist, and how wonderful he was. She said that they gave her gas - Also that Jim is very calm.

The Barnhardt's also informed Mr. DeM. that Mr. Hartman and Mr. Parker are working on the case. Mrs. Hartman is pumping Mills and Charlotte, and giving it to Mr. Parker. Mr. & Mrs. Barnhardt said that Mr. Parker and Mr. Totten had been down to see them in Paterson, and that they limited the time until 8 p.m.

Mrs. Barnhardt does not seem to have much use for Totten or Beckman, and she criticised Parker a big saying, that he had a very untidy office as there were a lot of dirty books, ash-cans and a lot of old things hanging around. Also that Parker does not impress she (Mrs. Barnhardt) very much.

She then said there is a difference between Mr. Parker and I (DeM.) stating that Parker says that he is positive that Jim Mills done it, whereas I tell them, I am seeking information.

She says that Parker has used typewritten abstracts of the letter, going over the same ground as I (DeM) did with it. At times Mrs. Barnhardt was a bit suspicious, thinking that I (DeM) might be working with Mr. Parker. For the sale of the photographs to the newspapers they got \$50.00 for Charlotte.

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Charlotte does not believe Mrs. Gibson - Her reason for disbelieving her is that Charlotte got suspicious when she (Gibson) mentioned the making of money to her. Now Charlotte would not be surprised if Jim Mills did kill her mother. Also that Mr. Parker and Mrs. Hartman laid a trap for Jim Mills to go to a spiritualist in New York, and the Spiritualist said she was positive that Jim Mills committed the crime.

Mrs. Barnhardt also had me (DeM) read a letter which Charlotte wrote to her, wherein it stated that Jim Mills was blaming she (Mrs. Barnhardt) for casting suspicions in his direction. Charlotte also told Mrs. Barnhardt that while sleeping she thought that Jim Mills came into her room, but she is not afraid of him.

Mrs. Barnhardt then related an instance how clever Jim Mills is, and that is, on the last visit that Charlotte made to her; when she got home, Jim Mills said to Charlotte, "Somebody told me they saw you getting on a bus from Newark to Paterson." When Charlotte admitted it, he was able to secure that she had been visiting her Aunt (Mrs. Barnhardt) which he does not approve of.

Mrs. Barnhardt also read a letter to me (DeM) which she received from her sister in California, wherein it states that it is her belief that they are working in the direction of Jim Mills for the purpose of clearing Mrs. Hall's name.

Mr. Barnhardt has agreed to work with me in trying to secure information from Jim Mills, and we arranged so that I (DeM) would be at Jim Mills' house on the following day (Sunday) between one and two o'clock. Mr. Barnhardt appears very friendly towards me (DeM) and has assured me that he will give me all information in preference to Mr. Parker. Mr. DeM. feels that they are satisfied at the present that there is more suspicion in the direction of Jim Mills than Mrs. Hall.